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The Indiana Department of Correction Welcomes Delegation of Ukrainian Judges

Indianapolis, Indiana (November 18, 2008)—for the third year in a row, a delegation of five judges from Ukraine spent a day in prison learning about the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC).

Each year, Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Randall Shepard has hosted the delegation and shown them various aspects of the Indiana judicial system, one of which is the correctional system. Thus, the judges toured the Indiana Women's Prison (IWP) in Indianapolis and learned about many different IDOC initiatives.



IDOC staff show the judges the law library at IWP.

During the tour, IWP staff and administration relayed information about programs such as education, ICAN (Indiana Canine Assistant Network), PLUS (Purposeful Living Units Serve), vocational programs, and the Wee Ones Nursery. In addition, the Inmate-to-Workmate program at the facility prepared a traditional Thanksgiving meal for the delegation as part of their food service training.



The judges pose for a picture.

“I am honored to be able to show the delegation from Ukraine the unique and successful initiatives within the Indiana Department of Correction. We take pride in how we execute our mission to reduce offender recidivism and provide public safety, and I am sure the judges recognize the importance of preparing offenders for a successful re-entry to society,” said IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss.

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